

Purifying the Nation

Part A.

The list below contains names of reformers of the early nineteenth century. Select one person and, for homework, research answers to the following questions in preparation for a short classroom presentation.

Questions

1. What criticism of American society did the individual have?
2. What methods did the person use to improve American life?
3. What success did the individual have in promoting reform?
4. What detail(s) of the person's work made him or her an interesting historical figure?
5. To what extent was the reformer obsessed with achieving an impractical goal through fanatical or impractical means?
6. What lasting impact did the person's reforms have on American society?

Reformers

1. Lyman Beecher
2. Father Theobald Mathew
3. Neal Dow
4. Dorothea Dix
5. William Lloyd Garrison
6. Wendell Phillips
7. Theodore Weld
8. Sarah and Angelina Grimke
9. Frederick Douglass
10. Harriet Tubman
11. Harriet Beecher Stowe
12. Elijah Lovejoy
13. Elizabeth Cady Stanton
14. Lucretia Mott
15. Robert Owen
16. George Ripley
17. John Humphrey Noyes
18. Horace Mann
19. Elihu Burritt
20. Dr. Sylvester Graham